Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lydia Magdalena Schlecht was born on May 14, 1924, to Henry and Magdalena (Buechler) Schlecht on their family farm west of Bowdle, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, After graduating from the 8th grade, Lydia worked for a number of farm families in the local area; she later moved to Bowdle and began working for various cafes; in 1957 Lydia began working at A & B Shop (later known as Turner Drug), and continued serving the local cafes for a number of years; and,

Whereas, Lydia retired in 1997, after serving the residents of Bowdle and surrounding area for more than 40 years; and,

Whereas, Lydia enjoys her needlepoint projects, embroidery work for the senior center, and quilting at her church; she also likes playing cards and bingo; and,

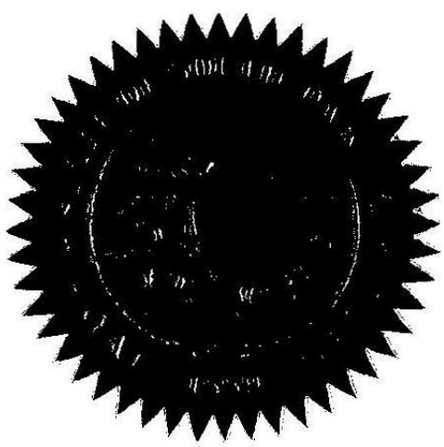
Whereas, Lydia will observe her 80th Birthday as her family and friends will gather at an open house on May 8, 2004, to honor and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2004, as

LYDIA MAGDALENA SCHLECHT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State